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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION: PRESIDENT CARTER'S SECOND TRIP

1. BY VISITING STABLE COUNTRIES, PRESIDENT CARTER'S FORTHCOMING TRIP IS AIMED AT ENCOURAGING STABILITY AND SEARCHING FOR WAYS OF ACHIEVING PEACE IN TROUBLED AREAS SUCH THE MIDDLE EAST, THE HORN OF AFRICA AND SOUTHERN AFRICA, SAYS JOURNALIST PASSY N. NGOMA IN FRONT PAGE EDITORIAL IN KINSHASA EVENING DAILY ELIMA MARCH 3RD. EDITORIAL INDICATES THAT IN PLANNING THE TRIP TO VENEZUELA, BRAZIL, NIGERIA AND LIBERIA, AMERICAN OFFICIALS TOOK FACTORS SUCH AS POLITICAL STABILITY INTO CONSIDERATION BECAUSE THESE COUNTRIES ARE NOT HAVING THE KINDS OF PROBLEMS THAT ONE FINDS IN THE MIDDLE EAST, THE HORN OF AFRICA OR SOUTHERN AFRICA.

2. "IT IS NO SECRET FOR ANYONE," SAYS THE EDITORIAL, "THAT AFRICAN COUNTRIES, ESPECIALLY THOSE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, HAVE BEEN ACCUSING WASHINGTON AND LONDON OF ENCOURAGING PRIME MINISTER SMITH IN HIS FOLLY" JOURNALIST PASSY CITES PRESIDENT KAUNDA'S RECENT WARNING TO WASHINGTON AND LONDON AGAINST APPROVING THE INTERNAL SETTLEMENT EFFORT AND ADDS THAT MANY AFRICAN COUNTRIES ARE NOW CONVINCED, IF UNCLASSIFIED

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NOT DISILLUSIONED, OF WASHINGTON'S AMBIGUOUS ATTITUDE IN SETTLING AFRICA'S PRIORITY ISSUES.

3. MR. PASSY ASKS WHETHER THE U.S. HAS FAILED TO FACE UP TO ITS RESPONSIBILITY. NO, HE SAYS, JUSTIFYING HIS REPLY BY THE FACT THAT U.S. PEACE EFFORTS ARE CONTINUING THROUGH ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE ATHERTON WHO IS CURRENTLY ON A DIPLOMATIC

SHUTTLE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. "LET US HOPE THAT MANY THINGS WILL  
HAVE CHANGED BY THE TIME PRESIDENT CARTER MAKES HIS TRIP; IF  
THAT IS NOT THE CASE AND IF PRESIDENT SADAT RESIGNS AS HE HAS  
THREATENED, THE GOOD OFFICES OF THE U.S. WILL HAVE SERVED NO  
PURPOSE", CONCLUDES COMMENTARY. ITEM.  
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